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SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1005

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION REQUIRING A BALANCE BUDGET AND TO SEND THE AMENDMENT TO THE
STATES FOR RATIFICATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States of America,
2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:
3 Whereas, the United States Federal debt now exceeds fourteen trillion
4 dollars, an amount which is greater than forty-five thousand dollars for each
5 of the three hundred eight million Americans; and
6 Whereas, the Federal government deficit is expected to exceed 1.5
7 trillion dollars in this current fiscal year alone; which is approaching an
8 overspending by the Federal government nearing twenty thousand dollars for
9 every American household of four; and
10 Whereas, the Federal government is financing a record high percentage
11 of this debt through foreign borrowing, which risks reducing the value of our
12 national currency and eroding our national sovereignty; and
13 Whereas, the Congress and the President must be held accountable for
14 the financial decisions they make; rather than transferring both that
15 responsibility and sacrifice to future years and generations; and
16 Whereas, while often difficult, forty-nine of the nation's fifty states
17 are required to balance their budgets each year.
18 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the
19 House of Representatives, and the Governor concurring, prays:
20 1. That the United States Congress pass on October 1, 2011, the first
21 day of the next fiscal year, an amendment to the United States Constitution
22 requiring a balanced budget and send the amendment to the states for
23 ratification.
24 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
25 of this Memorial to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the
26 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to the members of
27 Arizona's congressional delegation.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 12, 2011.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 9, 2011.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 14, 2011.

Passed the House April 12, 2011,

by the following vote: 39 Ayes,

20 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 9, 2011,

by the following vote: 20 Ayes,

9 Nays, 2 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

Charmine Bullington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 14th day of April, 2011,

at 4:42 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

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